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1. VVB VEM

a. Production of carbon brushes would be possible at Elbtalwerk Heidenau, Saxony, only if large sums of money were expended on the plant.

b. Priority of orders are as follows:

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Order

Orders of the metallurgical program

Wismut

Reparations

Indirect reparations orders

USSR orders

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GSOV orders

SAG orders

Direct export orders

Zonal top priority (Schwerpunkt)

Zonal civilian orders.

2. VJB IKA

a. Elektroinstallation Kranichfeld, Thuringia, is to cease manufacturing wire as of 1 January 1951

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- b. Poor quality ball bearings have caused difficulties. Frauenreuth,* Meuselwitz,* and the SAG's should improve the quality of their products. The production of lead ball bearings should be introduced [redacted]

- c. Two tons of [redacted] mica must be obtained from Schlotheim, Thuringia, for the urgent orders [redacted]

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- d. Altogether, 480 starters will be delivered for the "H 3 A's" (trucks) by the end of April 1951 [redacted] These trucks are being made by VVB IFA.

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VVB RFT

- a. The development of amplifiers is in the future to be undertaken by the factories themselves and not by the VVB [redacted]

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- b. The requirements for 75 volt 375 watt projection lamps with size 32 bulb can only be met through imports. Glühlampenwerk Plauen, Saxony, is to manufacture these lamps with bulbs of thick glass, but planned manufacture is still insufficient. It is planned to make 20,000 bulbs in 1951 and 30,000 bulbs in 1952. Production of the 110 volt 750 watt lamps required for 16 mm projectors is also to be undertaken [redacted]

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- c. Funkwerk Koepenick should concentrate at present on the production of xenon as a light source, and the magnetophon as a sound recorder [redacted]

- d. The failure to develop the magnetic sound system has put Defa*** one and one-half years behind schedule. The responsibility for developing this system has been removed from Funkwerk Koepenick and assumed by the Ministry itself. It has not yet been decided if further development should be undertaken by Funkwerk Koepenick or Zeiss Ikon. Defa has just made the first studio test of the system. [redacted]

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4. VVB Mechanik

Askania was not allotted the big order for dosing pumps (Dosierungspumpen) and has therefore surrendered 52 tons of various materials which had been allotted to it for that purpose. The delivery dates for the contractors Junkalor,* Messgeräthewerk Treuenbrietzen, and Motorenwerk Cunewalde have not been settled

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[redacted] It has been decided not to accept the dosing pumps from Askania, which will therefore suffer a severe financial loss [redacted]

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* [redacted] Comment: This is not further identifiable [redacted]

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** [redacted] Comment: This is possibly SAG EAW Elektrotechnische AG, Berlin-Treptow.

*** [redacted] Comment: This is the East German motion picture company.

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